

**Changes to Guidelines for the Administration of Family and Consumer Science (FCS)
Parenthood Added Cost Funding (CIP 19.000) effective 9-1-2009**

The following changes in FCS program policy apply to state-approved FCS programs eligible to receive added cost funding for Parenthood Education, and will go into effect with the beginning of the **2009-2010** school year. These changes will eliminate the confusing array of exceptions to the rules regarding participation in Parenthood Education added cost and assure the legislatively intended use of Parenthood Education added cost funds. Career and Technical Education administrators, district administrators, and FCS program teachers should review this information, and determine if action may be necessary to remain a state-approved funded program in 2009 and beyond.

- Parenthood Education courses, determined by content, will be the FCS course funded with state added cost. In 2008, the new national FCS Standards separated the content of Parenthood Education and Child Development into two distinct courses. Parenthood Education focuses on the individual and their responsibilities as parents and must be taught by a FCS teacher with KH and VH endorsements. The Child Development course focuses on the growth and development of young children. Parenthood Education and Child Development courses will be reported separately, based on the content being taught. Child Development courses will not be eligible for added cost funding, but will support eligibility for funding as part of the FCS program.
- All schools will be required to operate four (4) of the state-approved FCS content courses each school year to be eligible for Parenthood Education added cost funds. There are a total of eight (8) state-approved FCS courses, each with distinct content, from which local districts may select to operate four (4) different state-approved FCS courses to meet the eligibility requirement for funding. Each of the three FCS courses used to create the state-approved program must be taught by a FCS teacher with a KH endorsement to be considered eligible for funding.

Each different state-approved FCS course operated by the local district will count as one of the four courses toward eligibility, regardless of the number of sections of that particular course that are operated. A FCS teacher working in a small high school may teach two FCS courses each semester and still have the majority of the school day available to devote to other subject areas, as is often required in those settings.

- Other options for meeting the requirements of a state-approved FCS program for funding eligibility will not be available. Michigan merit curriculum changes and state policy regarding requirements for graduation from high school have changed. Local agencies may choose to offer academic credit for the FCS courses Human Development, Interpersonal Relationships (social studies) or Nutrition Science (science), dependant upon the appropriateness of additional endorsements held by the FCS certificated teacher. Financial Management may be taught in such as way as to be used to satisfy the 4th math credit requirement. Health, taught by KH endorsed teachers, meets the state health course graduation requirement.

Summary: The above changes eliminate inconsistency and streamline the requirements for eligibility for Parenthood Education state added cost funding. If you have questions about how these changes may affect your individual program or need assistance with program planning to assure that you will meet the requirements for funding, please contact the Office of Career and Technical Education, Family and Consumer Science Consultant at 571-241-2091.